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**FOURTH DEFENDANT ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH
CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT ALIEN SMUGGLING**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton; Special Agent in Charge James E. Smith, Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General; Special Agent in Charge Roberto G. Medina, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Investigations; Chief Patrol Agent Victor M. Manjarrez, Jr., U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and Special Agent in Charge David Cuthbertson, Federal Bureau of Investigation announced that Rosa Isela Escajeda, a 46-year-old Mexican national living in El Paso, was arrested this morning at her residence on a charge of conspiracy to commit alien smuggling.

According to the indictment, Escajeda conspired with others, including Border Patrol Agent Jesus Miguel Huizar, from January 2005 to present to smuggle over 100 illegal aliens into the United States from Mexico. Specifically, Escajeda allegedly harbored numerous undocumented aliens in her residence located at 308 Ronquillo in El Paso.

Escajeda is expected to have her initial appearance at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon before United States Magistrate Judge Richard Mesa. Upon conviction, Escajeda faces up to ten years in federal prison.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Juanita Fielden is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

An indictment a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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